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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	08/953,154	KOZAK ET AL.
	Examiner Anatoly Vortman	Art Unit 2835

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Examiner Anatoly Vortman, USPTO, Art Unit 2835. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (2) Mr. Rodney L. Lacy, Reg. No. 41,136. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 12 July 2001.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
 If Yes, brief description: .

Claim(s) discussed: None.

Identification of prior art discussed: None.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant raised question regarding the validity of the Election/Restriction requirements mailed on 6/13/01 (paper # 19), since said requirements have been submitted after The Brief on Appeal filed on 02/05/01 (paper # 16). After discussion with the Examiner's Supervisor Mr. Leo Picard on 07/13/01, it was agreed that Restriction is proper, since the finality of the rejection has been withdrawn in the Election/Restriction requirements mailed on 04/09/01 (paper # 17). Thus, the Applicant must submit the response to the aforementioned Election/Restriction requirements. The results of the discussion have been delivered to the Applicant's Representative Mr. Rodney Lacy, Reg. No. 41,136 via voice mail left on the attorney's answering machine on 7/13/01 .